

REMARKS

Reconsideration and allowance of the subject application are respectfully requested.

In the above amendments we have canceled claims 36-40, 43-47, 49, 52-56, 58 and 76-77, without prejudice or disclaimer. With entry of this Amendment claims 1-5, 8, 9, 11-15, 18-21, 23, 25-29, 32, 33, 35, and 69-75 will be pending.

We have also amended the title of the application, changing "Complementation" to "Complementing". This is believed to make the title clearer.

In the October 19, 2007 Office Action, claims 36-40, 43-46, 47, 49, 76 and 77 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph as non-enabled. We have canceled these claims, and submit that this rejection is now moot.

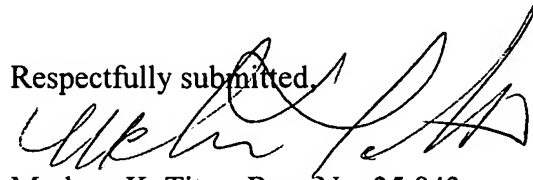
The Examiner has also maintained the art rejections over claims 52-56 and 58 based on U.S. Patent 6,444,445 and its international counterpart WO 99/37783. We have canceled claims 52-56 and 58 above, and believe this rejection is now moot.

On pages 10-11, all pending claims are rejected on the ground of obviousness-type double patenting as unpatentable over claims 1-13 of U.S. Patent 6,444,445. The applicants are preparing to submit a terminal disclaimer and Statement Under 37 CFR 3.73(b) as soon as possible, which will address the issue. We request that this rejection be held in abeyance until the claims are officially allowed, or until the terminal disclaimer can be submitted.

U.S. application of NIKOLICH and HOOVER
Serial no. 10/733,691
Amdt responsive to Office Action mailed October 19, 2007

All of the Examiner's outstanding art rejections have been addressed, and the application is believed to be in allowable form. Notice to that effect is earnestly solicited. If the Examiner has any questions or would like to make suggestions as to claim language, she is encouraged to contact Marlana K. Titus at (301) 977-7227.

Respectfully submitted,

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